



Dronfield
Henry Fanshawe School



School Uniform Expectations

(September 2026)

A guide for parents/carers, students and staff

Please contact school reception if you would like a hard copy of the school's uniform expectations booklet.



UNIFORM



BLACK FORMAL BLAZER WITH
SCHOOL CREST AND HOUSE AND
YEAR LAPEL BADGE

DHFS CLIP-ON TIE

PLAIN WHITE SHORT OR LONG-
SLEEVED COLLARED SHIRT; TUCKED IN
AT ALL TIMES

OPTIONAL: FORMAL BLACK
CARDIGAN OR V NECK SWEATER

PLAIN BLACK TAILORED FORMAL
TROUSERS, FORMAL SHORTS OR
SKIRT (AROUND KNEE LENGTH)

BLACK OR FLESH TIGHTS (OPTIONAL)

BLACK SOCKS

PLAIN BLACK LEATHER OR LEATHER-
LOOK LOW-HEELED SHOES



COAT/GILET (OPTIONAL): MUST BE WORN OVER THE BLAZER
NO HOODIES OR TRACKSUIT TOPS

MINIMAL JEWELLERY; A WATCH, ONE SINGLE FLAT RING, ONE PAIR OF PLAIN
EARLOBE STUD EARRINGS

NO NAIL VARNISH, FALSE NAILS, HENNA OR FALSE EYELASHES

UNNATURAL HAIR COLOURING, FACIAL PIERCINGS, TONGUE PIERCINGS AND
OTHER VISIBLE PIERCINGS ARE PROHIBITED

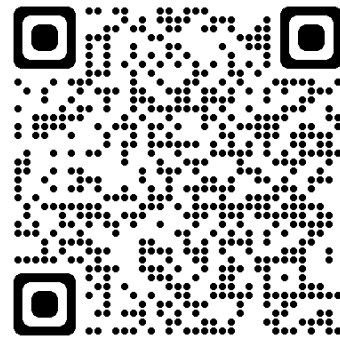
Uniform and Appearance

At Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School we enforce a uniform policy from Years 7 to 11. We are committed to high standards of uniform and professionalism from all members of our community. Whilst balancing affordability, comfort and practicality, uniform helps to reduce societal pressure on young people as well as financial pressure on families. We believe smart uniform is very important; providing our students with a corporate identity, encouraging pride in appearance and allowing for positive community recognition. Our uniform policy also ensures our students meet the health and safety requirements of school life. All of our staff are required to ensure student uniform and appearance are monitored and we ask parents/carers to support and enforce our uniform policy.

Purchasing school uniform

Blazers without a badge and other items of school uniform can be purchased from a number of retailers, however; all items of uniform with a badge and the school tie are currently available from Price and Buckland at [Dronfield Henry Fanshawe School Uniform Shop \(pbuniform-online.co.uk\)](https://pbuniform-online.co.uk)

Blazers, school badges, and ties can be purchased from the school following payment via Parent Pay.

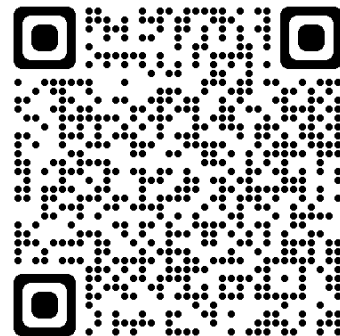


Sustainable uniform

We regularly maintain our stocks of spare uniform; this uniform is clean and in good condition and is available to all families. The school has signed up to 'Uniformd', a website that promotes clothing sustainability and aims to help with the cost of purchasing new uniform. To tackle the rapidly growing global environmental challenges for a sustainable future, we aim to normalise the reusing of pre-loved school uniform to reduce our carbon footprint whilst helping our families in need of support.

Parents/Carers simply browse for what they need, purchase and receive their pickup information – no sign up required, no banks broken. In turn, when parents/carers are ready to donate, they'll be adding to a wonderful ecosystem that keeps funds coming in for the school and makes the environment a little greener too.

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/221>



Our Uniform and Appearance Expectations- (Further detail)

Blazers

Students should wear their blazers with House and Year lapel badge in assembly, mentor time and at the start of all lessons. Students can choose to remove their blazers at break and lunchtime but not replace them with a coat or jacket. At the end of break and lunchtime, students must wear their blazer to attend their next lesson. Students may ask staff if they can remove their blazers in lessons. Blazer sleeves must be rolled down at all times. **When the weather is hot for an extended period, then the school will inform parents/carers and students of any temporary changes in this policy.**

Shirts and ties

Students must wear a formal white collared short or long-sleeved shirt; tucked in with sleeves rolled down at all times. Students should wear their school ties at **all** times (except PE lessons). Altering or defacing a school tie means that it is no longer fit for purpose and consequently, it will be removed and the student will have to replace it. Ties should be worn on the journey to and from school.

Trousers, shorts and skirts

Trousers should be black, formal, full length and tailored.

Skirts and shorts must be plain, formal and around the knee in length. Shorts should be of a black-tailored style. Denim or cargo/combat with cuffed legs and/or pockets on the outside are not allowed.

Tracksuit bottoms, jeans, chinos, cargos, and leggings are not acceptable as school uniform.

If a belt is required it must be plain and black and not with a large buckle. Many retailers will advertise and sell fashion trousers/skirts as school uniform. Please be cautious and remember all uniform must adhere to our uniform code. If you require advice before purchasing, please contact the school.

Make-up

Nail varnish, false nails, acrylic nails, henna and false eyelashes are not allowed. Students wearing make-up should ensure it is light in application and not noticeable.

Jewellery

A watch, a single flat ring, and one pair of plain earlobe stud earrings.

Facial piercings, tongue piercings and other visible piercings are prohibited. Repeat offenders will incur a disciplinary sanction.

Hairstyles

Hair should not be extreme in terms of style, cuts or colour. Lines should not be shaved into the hair and hair should be of a 'natural' colour. Any student with afro hair types 3a-4c may wear their hair in an appropriate protective hairstyle. The school allows the wearing of

durags and protective bonnets for this type of hair.

School Shoe Expectations:

- Fully black, low-heeled shoe
- Shoes must be fully leather or leather-look
- Shoes must be fastened with a strap/laces
- Full shoe must be wipeable and suitable for all weathers
- The heel and instep of the foot must be covered

The following examples are **suitable** for school:



School Shoe Expectations:

- No sports trainers (see images below)
- Shoes must not consist of suede, canvas, mesh or fabric
- Shoes must not have any other colouring, than black

The following examples are **not suitable** for school:



Students that attend school in trainers, without a letter/note from home, will be issues with appropriately sized school shoes to wear for the day.

Prohibited items of dress:

- Footwear without backs (sandals, sliders, flip flops)
- Trainers/fashion pumps/boots (including canvas, suede or fabric footwear, Vans, Converse, Decathlon pumps, Ugg boots or Timberland boots)
- Tracksuit bottoms, jeans, combats, chinos, cords, fashion trousers or leggings
- Headwear such as caps and bandanas, with the exception of students whose religion requires head covering or medical reasons
- Hooded or tracksuit tops are only to be worn for PE/drama activities

Sixth Form standards of dress

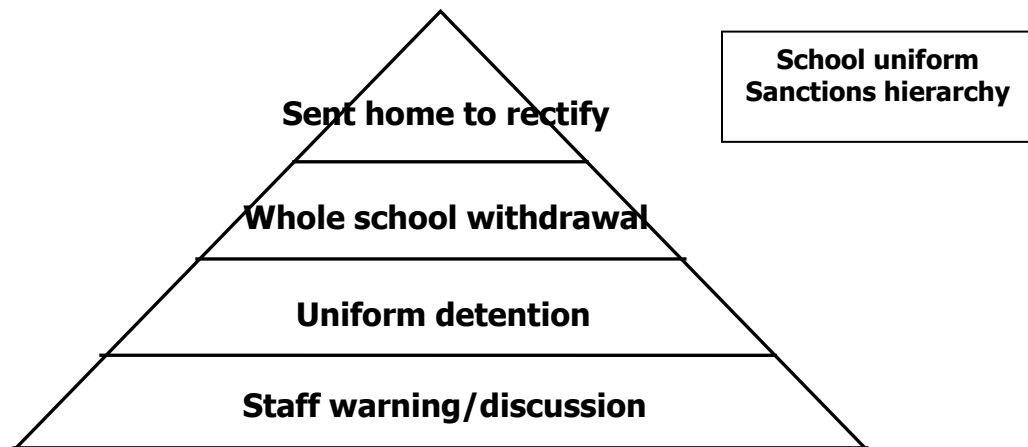
Sixth Form students are not expected to wear school uniform. However, we expect students to dress appropriately for the school environment. It will not include:

- Ripped or badly worn jeans
- Footwear without backs (sandals, sliders, flip flops)
- Sports shorts (all shorts must be around knee length, smart in appearance and tailored)
- Team sportswear
- Extremes of hairstyle/Jewellery
- Tracksuit bottoms/joggers

The school reserves the right to challenge inappropriate dress and send home any student who is deemed to be inappropriately dressed.

Uniform non-compliance sanctions

All students who are not in full uniform must bring a letter/note from home explaining why they are not able to wear full uniform and for how long the situation will last. Letters from parents/carers must be shown to their mentor and then presented at student services where a red 'non-compliance' sticker will be issued for the student planner if we feel there is a genuine reason or issue. The time frame for authorising non-compliance with school uniform is at the school's discretion. All unauthorised instances of incorrect uniform and appearance will lead to a one-hour after-school uniform detention. Three uniform detentions in an academic year will result in a Headteacher's Detention.



Staff warning- If the appearance of a student's uniform (for example, untucked shirt, rolled up blazer sleeves) is unacceptable during unstructured time (break, lunchtime, lesson change over), a staff warning may be issued. This will require a student to improve their uniform immediately. Our staff will check uniform at the start of lessons in an informal way and if a student persistently attends a lesson with an incorrect uniform appearance; they may receive a formal yellow card warning. Warnings will not be issued for uniform that does not conform to the previously outlined expectations.

Mentor/Assembly time is the key time for checking uniform and all mentors are required to check uniform daily. Any student with uniform infringements will be sent to Student Services. A red sticker covering the issue will only be issued if we have received parental contact.

Issue of Uniform detention. Students in the incorrect uniform without a letter from home will receive a Uniform detention.

Whole school withdrawal. If a student continues to ignore the school uniform policy (twice or more) they will be withdrawn from lessons until the uniform breach is rectified. Parents/Carers will be contacted by house staff or members of SLT to discuss the issue at this point.

Sent home. If the student continues to ignore the school rules regarding uniform, it is not just a matter of uniform but deliberate defiance towards a member of staff, therefore the student will be asked to go home to correct the uniform. If the student cannot go home to change the item of uniform, they will be withdrawn from lessons to work in isolation. At this point, parents will be required to attend a meeting at school before the student resumes their normal education

Year 11 students who fail to wear uniform for the final examinations will not be able to attend the end-of-year prom. Students will be reminded about this before the exam season begins. On the first occasion, students will receive a verbal and written warning that a further occurrence of incorrect uniform will result in being banned from the prom.

P.E. KIT:

A green and navy school performance polo shirt is compulsory for all PE lessons and can be purchased in regular or girls' fit. Navy blue or black shorts, tracksuit bottoms, skirt or leggings are also to be worn during PE lessons. These can be purchased from the same supplier as the school performance polo shirt or you can buy your own plain navy versions. Additional navy and green sports socks can also be purchased and a showerproof jacket should you choose. Sweatshirts/training tops must be navy or black. Suitable footwear should be worn at all times to include trainers and boots if necessary. School shoes should not be used during PE lessons and coats are not permitted during PE lessons. Please ensure names are on all items of the kit in case they are lost. Failure to bring the correct PE kit will lead to a Friday lunchtime PE detention. Lockers are available in the changing rooms for students to lock away their valuables during PE lessons.



Help and advice -The school accepts that buying school uniform can be expensive and parents/carers will try to get it right. However, we do insist that all students wear the correct uniform at all times. If you would like to discuss any uniform issues, particularly before purchase, then please contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support for the school.

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